

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to provide a cross-reference to related applications

The paper or compact disc copy of the Sequence Listing in this application is identical to the computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing filed in Application No. 08/952,741, filed November 25, 1997. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e), please use the last-filed computer readable form filed in that Application as the computer readable form for the instant application. It is understood that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary change in application number and filing date for the instant application. A paper copy of the Sequence Listing is submitted herewith.

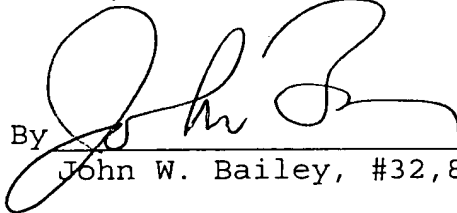
Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact T. Benjamin Schroeder (Reg. No. 50,990) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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